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What she did say was in seeming explanation of her previous sentence. "It was not the same eld man I had seen on the doorstep, and while I was looking at him I became aware of some one leaving the house and passing me on the read webtil. Of course this ended my interest in what went on within, and turning as quickly As I could I harried into the road and followed the shadow I could just perceive disappearing in the woods above me. I was bound, gentle men. as you see, to follow out my adventure to the end. But my task now became very different, for the moon was high and shone down upon the road so distinctly that I could not follow the rerson before me as closely as I wished without running the risk of being discovered by him. I therefore trusted more to my ear than to my eye, and as long as I could hear his steps in front of me I was satisfied. But presently, as we turned up this very hill. I ceased to hear the steps, and so became confident that he had taken to the woods. I was so sure of this that I did not hesitate to enter them myself, and, knowing the paths well, as I have every opportunity of doing, living as we do, directly opposite this forest. I easily found my war to the little clearing that I have reason to think you gentlemen have since become acquainted with. But though from the sounds I heard I was assured that the person I was following was not far in advance of me, I did not dare to enter this brilliantly fillumined space, especially as there was every indication of this person having completed whatever task he had set for himself. Indeed, I was sure that I heard his steps coming back. So, for men. as you see, to follow out my adventure to that I heard his steps coming back. So, for the second time, I crouched down in the darkest place I could find and let this mysterious person pass me. When he had quite disappeared I made my own retreat, for it was late and I was afraid of being missed at the bail. t later, or rather the next day, I returned and began a search for the money which I was confident had been left in these woods by the person I had been following. I found it, and when the man here present, who, though a mere fiddler, has presumed to take a leading part in this interview, came upon me with the bills in my hand, I was but burying deeper the id-gotten gains I had come upon."
"Ah, and so making them your own," quoth

Sweetwater, stung by the sarcasm in that

But with a suavity against which every attack fell powerless, she met his significant look with one as significant, and quietly said:
"If I had wanted the money for myself I would not have risked leaving it where the murderer could find it by digging up a few banduis of mould and a bunch of sodden leaves. No. I had another motive for my action, a motive with which few, if any, of you will be willing to credit me. I wished to save the murderer, whom I had some reason, as you see, for thinking I knew, from the consequences of his own action. you see, for thinking I among accept the working of this own action. Mr. Courtney, Dr. Talbot and even Mr. Sutherland, who naturally believed she referred to Zabel, and who, one and all, had a lingering to Labeless for this unfortunate old man, tenderoess for this seaming act of madness on

his rart could quite destroy, felt a species of reaction at this, and surveyed the singular be-ing before them with, perhaps, the slightest shade of rejecting in their severity. Sweet-water alone betrayed restlessness. Knapp showed no feeling, while Frederick stood like One petrified and moved patter hand perfort water alone betravel restlessness. Knapo showed no feeling, while Frederick stood like one petrified and moved neither hand nor foot. "trime that is the auteome of forethought is despicable," she went on, with a deliberateness so hard that the more susceptible of her auditors shuddered. "But crime that springs from some innerative and overnowering necessity of the mind or body might well awaken armathy, and I am not ashamed of having been sorry for this frenzied and suffering man. Weak and impulsive as you may consider me. I did not want him to suffer on account of a moment's madness, as he unionitedly would if he were ever found with this money in his possession, so I plunged it deeper in the soil and trusted to the confusion which crime always awakens even in the strongest mind for him not to discover my subterfuge."

"Hat wonderful! Devilish subtle, ch? Clever, too clever; were some of the whispered exclamations which this curious explanation on her part brought out. Yet only Sweetwater showed his open and cuttre dishelled of the story, the others possibly remembering that for such natures as hers there is no governing law and no ordinary interpretation.

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Truth is sometimes stranger than fletion. I should never have attributed any such motive as you mention to the young girl I saw leaving this shot with many a backward look it he hole from which we afterward extracted the large sum of money in question. But say that this returning of stolen funds was out of

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ish impulses and womanly wit which half mystified and half imposed upon them.

Mr. Sutherland, on the contrary, was neither charmed from his antagonism nor convinced of her honesty. There was something in this matter that could not be explained away by her argument, and his suspicion of that something he felt refrectly sure was shared by his son, toward whose cold, set face he half frequently cast the most uneasy clances. He was not ready, however, to probe into the subject more deeply, nor could he, for the sake of Frederick, urge on to any further confession a young woman whom his unhappy son professed to love and in whose discretion he had so little confidence. As for Sweetwater, he had now fully recovered himself and bore himself with great discretion when Dr. Taibot finally said:

Well, gentlemen, we have got more than we expected when we came here this morning. There remains, however, a point regarding which we have received no explanation. Miss Page, how came that orchid which I am told you wore in your hair at the dance to be found lying near the hem of Batsy's skirts? You distinctly told us that you did not go upstairs when you were in Mrs. Webb's bouse."

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"Ah, that's se," acquiesced the Boston detecfive dryly. "How came that flower on the
scene of the murder?"
She smiled and seemed equal to the emergency.

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"A mystery it is your business to solve," corrected the District Attorney. "Nothing that you have told us in support of your innocence would in the eyes of the law weigh for one instant against the complicity shown by that one piece of circumstantial evidence against you."

Her smile carried a certain high-handed denial of this to one heart there, at least. But her words were humble enough.

I am aware of that," said she. Then turning like lightning to where Sweetwater stood lowering upon her from out his half-closed eyer she impetuously cried: "You, sir, you who without call to do so have presumed to arrogate the office of detective from those whose right it was to act in this matter, prove yourself equal to your presumption by finding out the explanation of this mystery yourself. It can be found out, for, mark, I did not carry that flower into the room where it was found. This I am ready to swear to before God and before man."

Her hand was raised, her whole attitude spoke defiance and—hard as it was for Sweetwater to acknowledge it—truth. He felt that he had received a challenge, and, with a quick glance at Knapp, who barely responded by a shrug, he shifted to the side of Dr. Taibot. Amabel at once dropped her hand.

"May I go?" she now cried aspealingly to Mr. Courtney. I really have no more to say and I am tired."

"Did you see the figure of the man who brushed by you in the wood? Was it that of the old man you say on the doorsten?"

Shall we let her go for the present? he whispered. "She does look tired, poor girl." The bublic challenge which sweetwater had received made him warr, and his reply was a guinded one.

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To do not trust her, yet there is much to confirm her story. Those sandwiches, now she soys there on the morning after the rear tree, and that the bar that help with the pool them in Mrs. Webb's gard and the standing my absorption in greater matters. It remember wondering what they were all peeking at so eagerly. Then the length of time that clapsed between the moment Zabel was seen rushing from Mrs. Webb's gate and the hour in which he bought the bread has never been quite accounted for. Though I doubt that so old a man would find strength for that yourney to the woods. I can but acknowledge that it would account for those very minutes we have had some difficulty in filling un. But the flower whose presence on the scene of quilit she challeness ms to explain. How the flower whose presence on the scene of the flower whose fruits she lavs her hand in a way tending solely to concealment? No, sits, and so I shall not relax my vigilance over her actions, and the flower hand the flower whose her close the flower hand to the flowe

before going she approached the come shall persuasively:

I have told you all that came to my mind this moment. But after thinking it over I may remember some little details that have escaped me to-day."

Call her back, " cried Mr. Courtney, "She "Call her back," cried Mr. Courtney, "She it all ?" "Call her back, "cried Mr. Courthey, Suchas kept back something. Let us hear it all."
But Mr. Sutherland, with a side look at Frederick, whisnered: "Wait! She is a subtle creature and under the excitement of the moment will contrive to clude you. Catch her alone, Mr. Courtney, catch her alone; and if she has a secret you of all men will succeed in surprising it."

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He had noted that the rest were too preoccupied to observe that Frederick had reached the limit of his strength and could not be trusted to preserve his composure any longer under this searching examination into the conduct of a woman from whom he had so lately detached himself

The next day was the day of Agatha's fun-She was to be buried in Portchester by the side of her six children, and as the day was fine the whole town, as by common consent, assembled in the road along which the humble cortege was to make its way to the spot in

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misgivings, for which as yet he had no name, he left the window and set out on foot for tome.

It was now dark, but a silvery gleam on the forizon gave promise of the speedy rising of all moon. Otherwise he would not have thempted to walk over a road proverbially lark and dismal.

The churchyard in which they had just laid.

The churchyard in which they had just laid away Agatha lay in his course. As he approached it he feit his heart fail, and, stopoing a momentat the stone wall that separated it from the high road, he leaned against the trunk of a huge elm that guarded the gate of entrance. As he did so he neard a sound of repressed sobting from some snot hot very far away and, moved by some undefinable inpulse stronger than his will, he pushed open the gate and entered the sacred precinets.

Instantly the weirdness and desolation of the spot struck him. He wished, yet dreaded, to advance. Something in the grief of the mourner whose sobs he had heard had seized upon his heart strings, and yet, as he hesitated, the sounds came again, and, forgetting that his intrusion might not prove altogether welcome, he pressed forward till he came within a few leet of the spot from which the sobs issued.

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He had moved quietly, feeling the awe of the place, and when he paused it was with a sensation of dread not to be entirely explained by the sad and dismel surroundings. Dark as it was, he discerned the outline of a form lying stretched in sneechless misery across a grave, but when, impelled by an almost irresistible compassion, he strove to speak his tongue clove to the roof of his mouth and he only drew back further into the shadow.

He had recognized the mourner and the grave. The mourner was Frederick and the grave that of Agatha Webb.

A few minutes later Mr. Sutherland reappeared at the door of the inn and asked for a gig and driver to take him back to Sutherlandtown. He said, in excuse for his indecision, that he had undertaken to walk, but had found his strength inadequate to the exertion. He was looking very rale and trembled so that the landlord, who took his order, asked him if he were ill. But Mr. Sutherland insisted that he were ill. But Mr. Sutherland insisted that he were ill. But Mr. Sutherland insisted that he was quite well, only in a hurry, and showed the greatest impatience till he was again started upon the road.

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For the first half mile he sat perfectly silent. The moon was now up and the road stretched before them flooded with light. As long as no one was to be seen on this road or on the path running beside it Mr. Sutherland held himself erect, his eves fixed before him, in an attitude of anxious inquiry. But as soon as any sound came to break the silenes or there appeared in the distance ahead of them the least appearance of a plodding wayfarer he drew back and hid bimself in the recesses of the vehicle. This happened several times. Then his whole manner changed. They had just passed Frederick, walking, with bowed head, toward Sutherlandtown.

erlandtown.
But he was not the only person on the road But he was not the only person on the road at this time. A few minutes or eviously they had passed another man walking in the same direction. As Mr. Sutherland mused over this found himself reering through the small window at the back of the buggy striving to catch another glimpse of the two men plodding behind him. He could see them both his son's form throwing its long shadow over the moon-form throwing its long shadow over throwing its long shadow over th

whose ungainly snape he learest to asknowledge to binnell was growing only too familiar in his eyes.

Failing into a treubled reverie, he beheld the well-known houses and the great trees under whose shadow he had grown from youth to manhood flit by him like phantoms in a dream. But suddenly one house and one place drew his attention with a force that started him again into an erect attitude, and, scizing with one hand the arm of the driver, he nointed with the other at the door of the cottage they were used in the started with the other at the door of the cottage they were passed by here this morning. That is crare. Samuel, crape, hanging from the doorpost vonder!

"Yes, it is crape," answered the driver, juming out and running up the path to look. "Fhilemon must be dead; the good Philemon."

To be continued. ODDITIES IN PORTO RICAN LIFE. Surprising Methods of the Native Fire and

Police Departments. The Porto Ricans, our new fellow citizens by act of Congress, are small of stature; the American soldiers are giants in comparison, The upper classes are Spaniards and dwell in houses; the middle classes live in shanties, and the lower classes—the peons—exist where onvenient. Their children go around without lothes of any kind until they are 10 or 11 years ld, and even grown-up persons of both sexes bathe together in puris naturalibus where the vater is no higher than the knee. The bulk of the people are a composite race-Spaniard, Indian and negro. As regards religion they are Roman Catholies, although the rules of the Church do not bind them overmuch. Indeed, very few of the men go to mass.

The churches are not inviting, for although

miversally painted yellow on the outside in secondance with the Spanish law, the in ferior is rather bare. Three rows of seats stretch in front of the altar and parallel with it, but the est of the space is bare, and the worshippers

booked forth till sweetwater, who walked as hear as he dared to the immediate triends of the being them all and gave up the task.

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LOVE IN A DIME MUSEUM.

THE TATTOOED MAN WHO MARRIED THE TWO-HEADED GIRL.

He Won the Left Head, but the Right Loved the Human Ostrich-Troubles That Arose in Consequence-Unpleasant Hon-eymoon Episodes-The Final Rupture, "The matrimonial ventures of public men are not always happy, as the case of my own nephew Abner proves," sighed the landlady. helping the travelling salesman to the last of the omelet. "Abner, you know, was the Tattooed Man in the dime museum, and he was considered one of the most illustrious men for he was the wit of our family; and how we used to laugh and make him say it all over again when there was company to tea! Poor

" He was a regular symphony in mixed inks, was Abner, and as good as a panorama to look at. Indeed, an intelligent, critical inspection of his pictures was an elementary art educa-tion, which was mentioned on the show bills, I recollect. Among other things he had a picture of George Washington crossing the Delaware on his chest. No. Mr. Gripps, the General was not crossing on his chest. I refer to Abner's anatomy. And he could wrinkle up his skin in such a way as to produce an atmospheric effect. equal and similar to that which distinguishes Corot's best landscapes, which was also men-

"But Abner fell in love, and, alas! he loved not wisely, but too much, for the object of his affections was the Two-Headed Girl who sat next to him on the platform in the dime museum. With the left head of the Two-Headed Giri he often passed the time of day, and was delighted to find that it received his attentions with anything but displeasure. So he fell deswrately in love with her and she with him: that is, the left head did. The Wild Man of Borneo and the Armless Wonder, who did portraits, shook hands and wrote poetry with his toes, were great friends of Abner's, and they used to tease him considerably about his fond-ness for the Two-Hended Girl.

ness for the Two-Headed Girl.

"'Don't think of marrying her,' advised
the Wild Man of Borneo, who was one of the
most scholarly gentlemen in professional life. so Abner told me. 'Believe me, she loves you only for your pictures.'
"'She is not the wife for a man of your rec-

titude,' said the Armless Wonder. 'I do not

"She is not the wife for a man of your rectifude, said the Armless Wonder." I do not like to cast slurs on any lady's name, but it is plain to be seen she is leading a double life."

But Abner heeded not their jests, and after carefully considering all things be concluded to press his suit. So one night, when the left head had been induced by him to confess coyly that it was passionately devoted to art, and inclined particularly to the impressionistic school to which Abner adhered, he up and proposed right there on the platform.

The left head promptly murmured a shy ves, but the right head as promitly ejaculated no, and endeavored to freeze Abner (who was clad almost exclusively in pictures) with a haughty look, for, to tell the truth, the right head was in love with the Human Ostrich, who sat near it and swallowed small articles of hardware for the entertainment and instruction of the audience. The right head was as devoted to him as the loft head was to Abner, and used to send the Human Ostrich fancy boxes of mixed nails and assorted fragments of glass for his own delectation between regular performances. After declining Abner the right head any caled to the Human Ostrich, and he at once offered his hand, heart and talents. Of course, the left head remained loyal to Abner and declined the Human Ostrich most peremptority. Thus things anatory were at sives and sevens.

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in the centre of the amusement halland permit cach spectator to east a vote of the spectator paying flye cents for that privilege for which ever of via may be his choice. The one receiving more votes than the other shall be declared the winner and shall marry the Two-leared flye receiving from me 10 per cent, of the vote-inchey as a wedding present. Is this satisfactory to all concerned?

"Well it did seem a fairly acceptable solution of the problem, so all three agreed to abide by the decision of the nable. Next day the viting began, the manager having extensively advertised the story of the rivalry, and both candidates began to electioneer. The Human Ostrich, who was something of a politician, fancied that he could easily beat Almer, and went around to his friends in the hardware and glassware business, arging them to vote for him in the interest of trade. They did as requested, and for a while it looked as if he would win. But Almer was just as smart and resourceful as he. There was a sort of artists convention going on in the city at the time of the contest, and Almer obtained permission to address the delegates on 'Art and its Personal Application. In one of his digressions he to d the delegates in a frank, ingenuous way, all about the controversy, and made an elequent appeal to the artists to visit the dime mineum and uphold the cause of art by voting for him. They came in a body, voted early and often (which I requently have heard my sister-in-law's brother, the Tammany statesman, say is the true secret of boiltrial success and an evidence of real patriotisms, with the result that Almer received twice as many votes as the Human Ostrich, and was married the following week to the Two Headed (fir. The blow almost killed the Human Ostrich. In fact, he actually did attempt to make away with himself by means of an overslose of doorknobs, but was saved by the manager's prompt recourse to a plumber.

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"But before the marriage came off Abner found himself confronted by a most unexpected difficulty. The left head of the Two-Headod Giri, which was confronted by a minister of that denomination. The right head, which was correspondingly unbappy at the defeat of the Human Ostrich, inclined to the Episcopal faith, and stubternly refused to be married in a Baptist and subternly refused to be married in a Baptist church. Abner, who was a strict Latheran, was opposed to both Baptist and Episcopal churches. So it was necessary to compromise all around and avail themselves of the services of a Presbyterian minister. Then followed the saidest verts of Abner's career.

"The first week of the honeymoon Abner had planned to spend in Boston, but the left head demurred. Cincinnati was its choice. The right head declared that it was set on going to Cheago and flatly refused to visit either Boston or Cincinnati. Again it became necessary to compromise, and the week was spent at Niagara Falls, where another dissension roce as to which hotel offered the most desirable quarters. Abner and the left head said that one was pre-eminently superior, so in the end they wound up by going to a third hotel, which was inferior in every way, in order to restore peace. Then they went for a ride in a hack. The driver charged Abner, overwhelmed by the extortion.

"Fifteen dollars" gasped Abner, overwhelmed by the extortion.

"Ves, returned the driver. Five dollars apiece."

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"But there are only two of us,' objected Abner. 'Can't you do sums in simple arithmetic.'

"Excuse me,' retorted the hackman,' out my charge is correct... So for you and \$10 for

Trouse me, retorted the mackman, but my charge is correct—\$5 for you and \$10 for the two hadles."

"These indies are one, answered Abnershorty, and I shall pay you only \$10."

"Indeed, we are not, but in the right head malienusly. We are two, as the gentlemms says, and you had better pay him his just demands." says, and you had better pay him his just demands.

"That settled it. There was nothing left for poor Abner to do but pay the \$15, much to the wicked delight of the right head.
"When Abner came to pay his hotel hill the proprietor charged him double for the Two-Heatest Girl.

"Why, don't she, they, or whatever you call her or them, have two plates at meals?" asked the proprietor when Abner protested.

'Ass, but that does not signify that my wife is more than one person, 'said Abner.

"But two plates mean two orders, 'returned the proprietor,' and therefore I am obliged to charge you a double rate for the lady's or the ladies' board.

"After that wherever he went Abner's expe-

After that wherever he went Abner's experience was the same. The railroad companies insisted on collecting double fare for the Two-Header Girl, and the Pullman porters extracted double tips from her. The first night he took her to the theatre he bought two or-

chestra chairs and was following her into the auditorium when the ticket taker held him back and demanded another ticket.

I gave you two, said Abner, who was soul sick by this time of the constant contention over the Two-Headed (art's plural being Don't tell me that because my wife has a pair of heads on one body she is counted as two persons. I won't stand it

"We den't count bedies in this theatre, mister, answerd the tleket taker bindly; we count heads, and you can't come late this place and see the show with three heads at the types of two. The two orchestrachair are all right for you and one-half of the lady, but you will have to buy an astrussion taket for the other half. And Abner did.

On their return to New York Abner and the Two-Headed Girl went to housekeeping, and whenever any one asked how he enjoyed married life. Abner was forced to say be didn't know. With the left head be fived in great leads that he had be anywed married before, harmony and happiness; but with the

ried life Abner was forced to say be diant know. With the fett hend he fixed in great newer, harmony and happiness; but with the right head he was miserable and constantly involved in quarrels. He leved the left head dearly, and the left head's devotion to him was something beautiful and touching to see. But he disliked the right head intensely, and the right head hated him above all despeable things. Nor could the two heads ever agree with each other. What one wanced the other would not have. If the left head insisted on attiring the mutual besty in red, the right head would learner for the. When it rained and it was necessary for the Two-Head diffet to go out the left head would misst on wearing rubbers and the right head would weep and wail until they were taken off. In the matter of millinery there was similar dissord in opinions. The left head delighted in simple, medical round colors, plumes, tips and ne in general and sensationsleon/lomeration. Thus frequently when Abner walked out Sundays with his wife he was embarrassed to find the left head bending beneath the weight of a two-lood picture hat and trimmings which looked like a menageric turned loose in a tropical wildwood, and to make things worse and itself nore conspicuous, the right head had its hardwed a bright egg vellow. As the hair on the left head was a raven biack, the effect of the contrist of the beholder may be better imagined than described.

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"Half happy and half wretched, poor Abner lives with the Two-Heades Girl for flee years without extraordinary event, unless you excent the birth of his box, who was a very bright little fellow, indeed, taking after our side of the house, and early developed a taste for art. No sconer had he began to sit up and take notice than he was attracted by his lather's epidermic art works, as Abner called them, and, indeed, had mastered every semplex detail of the designs before he learned his alphabet. But at the end of the five years even the half happiness was banished from Abner's household. Returning earlier than usual from the dime museum one night he was anazzed to heary, less in his parior. The Two-Headed Girl generally left the museum some time before Abner, but it was selfom she permitted any one to ascompany her home, it being such a difficult matter for the two heads to agree upon an escort. Before entering the parior Abner based at the door and peered in. Judge of his anger, astonishment and indignation to see the Human Ostrien, whose very existence he had nearly forgotten, siting in the casiest chair, swallowing the coffee spoons and smaller manter formments for the entertainment of Abner's low and conversing in the meet affectionate terms with the right head of the Two-Headed Girl. Before Abner could recover sufficiently to utter a sound the Human Ostrieh botted the last of the spoons, rose to his feet and kissed the right head, which received the cares with every evidence of joy.

"Bent on the destruction of the intruder, Abner rushed in and confronted one and a molety of the guilty pair—that is, he confronted one and a molety of the guilty pair, the left head being sound asleep and to all angearances totally unware of the right head sends in his confronted one and a molety of the guilty pair, the left head being sound asleep and to all angearances totally u

of the guilty pair, the left head being sound assessment of the right head spindlefter. But the Human of the third the street of the right head could be described for his right head met Abner's binang glanes with the utmost serenity and composure, but the left head, waking up, was greatly agisted and louilty devlored the conduct of the other.

There's only one thing for you to do, said the right head coolly, 'and that is to procure a divorce.

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ECONOMY OF AIR POWER,

Surprising Number of Uses to Which It It

Put in Some Railroad Shops. Although there is a great deal of doubt in the minds of engineers about the immediate displacement of horses by air-driven automobile trucks, there is no dispute as to the value and handiness of compressed air for a means of distributing cover about shops, facories, mines and for dredging and excavating in a paper read before the Western Railway Club by Mr. B. Haskell, Superintendent of Motive Power of the Chicago and Western Michi-

gan Railway. Mr. Haskell says he took an old locomotive boiler for an air reservoir and attached to this six-inch and an eight-inch air pump and kept up a pressure of air of eighty pounds to the inch. With this he did a variety of work. "We began," he rays, "using air for the

purpose of testing our locomotive boilers to maximum pressure, for blowing out stram pipes, steam ports and evlinders, previous to putting in pistons, and for the purpose of running becometives from the machine show to the roundhouse, and vice versa. To load a car with wheels on skids required the time of six of nine hours for one man at a cost of \$1.02. the work in twenty minutes at a cost of 15 cents, a saving of 87 cents per car load. All heavy eastings are quickly loaded or unloaded, as the case may be, with the air hoist, thus

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BURGLARS VERSUS LOCKS.

A BATTLE OF YEARS IN WHICH THE

LOCK HAS FINALLY WON, Evolution of the Marvellous Contrivance That Now Guards Vaults and Safes Against the Inronds Alike of Skilled Cracksmen and Dishonest Custodians.

The years 1873 and 1874 marked an era in evolution of locking devices for burglar-proof safes in the United States and Canada which cuminated in a complete change from pre-existing methods, Prior to that key locks had been improved to the utmost point, reaching the climax of excellence in the ingenious and intricate mechanism of the "magic bank lock" invented about forty years ago by Linus Yale, Jr. Combination locks had almost entirely superseded key locks as a means for lacking burgiar-proof vaults and safes, and for a time these were deemed impregnable; but a lift e later James Sargent of Rochester, N. Y., denonstrated his ability to nick the best combination lock then on the market. For that Temonstration he received

\$1,000 from the lock maker.

Being a practical mechanic with inventive. genius of a high order, Mr. Sergent at once set about the invention and manufacture, of a combination lock that he himself could not pick, and the result was a contrivance which was adopted by the leading safe makers of the country and later by the United States Treasury Department. Associated with him as partner in the manufacture of this lock was Col. H. S. Greenleaf. As a consequence of Sargent's invention, safe and vault burglars

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